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and Labourers, Journeymē and
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the tyme of Edwarde the
fyrst, vntyll the thyrd
and fourth yeare of
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suche wages as hereafter shall be recyted. Prouided alway that the Lords shal be preferred in theyr bylayns and tenauntes, so too be reteyned in theyr seruise, so that such Lordes retayne as many as shall be necessarye. The statute thereof is the xviii. yere, of king Edward the thyrd, the fyrst Chapter.

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¶ Also a prentice (whiche maketh couenaunt) where his father and mother can not dyspende. xx. s. by the yere, hys coue-

naunt shall be voyd, and he shal be put to such labour as his father and mother do vse, or to some other labour as his estate requireth vpon payn of a yere imprisonment, and to make fyne and raunsome to the kinge, and he that retaineth any such apprentice shall paye to the king, C.s, if it be not firste testified vnder the seales of two Justices of peace of his coũtre. The statute thereof is, the. vii. yeare of kinge Henrye the. iiii. the. xvii. chapter. But the cityes of London and Norwyche are accepted as it appereth by other statutes made afterwards.

¶Item aswell artificers and people of mystery, as seruauntes and apprentises whych be of no great auoyer and of whiche mysterye a man hath no greate nede, in hervest tyme shall bee compelled too serue in hervest too cutte gathere and bryng in the corne, and that thys statute bee dewelye executed by Mayres, Baylyffes, Stewardes, and Constables of Townes vpon pain to be limitted, and iudged by the Justices of peace in theyr sessions. The statute thereof is the. xii. yeare of kinge Rychard the seconde. Thys iii. Chapter.

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¶ Also yf a man whiche is not sufficient to haue a seruaunte, retayne another to serue hym, this retaynynge is voyde and he shall be compelled to serue another.

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¶Also if a man retayne an other to serue him, and doeth not expresse howe longe he shall serue hym, then hee shall serue for one yere, for that is a retaynynge accordinge to the statute.

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¶Also it is enacted by the same statute that euery commen seruaunt and labourer

rer shall take from Easter to Michelmas for euerye daye that he laboureth excepte the tyme of harueste. iiii.d. without meate and drinke, and with meate and drincke. ii.d, and from Michelmas to Ester. iii.d. for euery day without meat and drynke. i.d.ob.

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¶ Also that a maister Ship carpenter takynge the charge of the woorke hauinge men vnder hym, from Candelmas to Michelmas shall take, v. d. by the daye with meate and drincke, and withoute meate and drincke. vi. d. a hewer. iiii. d. by the daye wyth meate and dryncke, and withoute meate and dryncke. vi. d. An able clinger. iii. d. by the day wyth meate and drinke, and without meat and drinke. v. d A holder. ii. d. by the day with meate and drinke, and without meat and drinke. iiii d. A maister Calker. iiii, d. by ẏ day with

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meate and drincke, & wythout meate and drincke, vi.d. A meane Calker . iii.d. by the day wyth meate and drincke, & without meate and drincke, v.d. A Calker labouringe by the tyde for as longe tyme as he maye laboure aboue the water and byneth the water shall not excede for eue-ry tyde . iiii.d . wyth meate and drincke, & from Michelmas to Candelmas a Maister shypwright shal take by ỹ day. iiii.d wyth meat and drinke, & without meat & drinke vi.d. A hewer by ỹ day. iii.d. with meat & drinck, and without meat & drink v.d. An able Clinger, ii.d. ob. by the day with meate and drinke, & without meate and drincke. iiii. d.ob . A holder by the day . i.d, ob. with meate and drincke, and without meate and dryncke. iii.d. A ma-ster Calker. iii.d. by the daye with meate and drincke, & wythout meate and drinke v.d. And a meane Calker. ii.d.ob. by the daye wyth meate and drincke, & without meate and drincke. iiii.d.ob. and where it hath ben vsed to geue lesse wages they shall geue lesse , and the taker of the wa-ges there to be compelled to take as they haue bene vsed and that they take no wa ges for the whole daye when they worke

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¶ And that euerye person and Artificer specified in this act, not being retained in worke shall be compelled to serue any other persō for the wages aboue recited.

¶ A prouision for dyggers of Coles and minours, and also for artificers and labourers in London for takinge of wages.

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¶ Also it is enacted by the Statute made in the. viii. yeare of kinge Henry the. viii. the. vi. chapter, that free Masons, rough Masons, Bricklayers, Carpenters, Joiners, Karuers, Plasterers, Dawbers, Tilers, Hyllers, Plummers, Glasiers, Labourers, Apprentices, and seruauntes within London, and woorkinge within London, or the liberty of the same may take suche wages as they dyd before the

making of the statute of labourers in the vi. yere of kinge Henrye. the. viii. the. iii. Chapter, but when they shal worke without the citye of London, and the liberties of the same, then they muste take wages accordinge to the statute made in the said vi. yere of kinge. H. the. viii.

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AND note that ther be many other statutes made before this time touching the wages of artificers & labourers, whiche I suppose do stande nowe in little effecte, therefore I wyll not reherse them here, for men can not lyue at thys daye with so small wages as in the sayde former statutes are limitted, for at that time victayles and all other things were more plenteous and better chepe then they be at this day. The which thyng the kynges hyghnesse moste graciously consyderynge, hathe therefore by the auctorite of his high Court of parlyament holde

at Westminster in the viij. yere of his most noble reigne, made a good and indifferēt statute, limitting in the same such reasonable and sufficient wages for euery artificer, and labourer to lyue by, as by the same statute and in this present boke recited more at large it doth appere.

¶ Artificers retayned to worke, shall not departe tyll the worke be fynished vpon payne of imprisonment.

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ALso it is enacted by the sayde statute made in the. vi. yere of kinge Henry the. viii. the. iii. chap. that if anye artifycers or labozers retayned in seruice with anye man foz buylbinge oz reparation, make oz cause to be made anye assemble, oz assaute, harme oz burte, to any person assigned to countroll and ouer se them in their wozke, that he oz they so offending shall haue imprysonmente of one yeare without letting to baylle, oz mainprise, and further to fyne at the kynges wyll.

¶ The boures appoynted when Artificers and labourers shal come to their wozke, & when they shall departe & what times they haue to slepe.

The. xi. Chapter.

ITem it is enacted by the sayde statute made in the. vi. yere of kinge Henry the viii. the. iii. Chapter, that euery artificer and labourer shall be at his wozke betwene the middes of of March, & the mydes of September befoze fiue of the clock in the mozninge, and that bee shall haue but halfe an boure foz his bzeakefast, and an boure and a halfe foz his dynner

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at such time as he hath to slepe by the statute, and when he hath no season to him appointed to slepe, then he shall haue but one houre for his dynner, and halfe an houre for his noone meat, and that he departe not frome his worke tyll betwene vii. and. viii. of the clocke at night.

¶ And that from the myddes of September to the myddes of March euery artificer and Labourer to be at their worke in the springinge of the daye, and departe not tyll nyght.

¶ And if that anye of the sayde Artificers or labourers, do offende in anye of theese articles, that then theyr defaultes to be marked by him or his deputye that shall paye theyr wages, and at the wekes ende theyr wages to be abated after the rate.

¶ And that the said artificers and labourers shall not slepe in the day, but onelye from the myddest of May vnto the myddest of August.

¶ The remedy against seruaunts and labourers refusing to serue, and how they shal be punished and by whom.

The. xii. Chapter.

¶ It is enacted by the sayde statute made

in the.vi. yeare of kinge Henry the.viii. the.iii. Chapter, and alſo by an other Statute made in the.xviii. yeare of kinge Edwarde the thyrd the fyrſte Chapter, that if any Bayliffe of huſbandry bynde, Carter, ſhepheard, cõmen ſeruaunt, woman ſeruaũt for child ſeruaunt not retained in anye ſeruyce or Worke refuſe too ſerue accordinge to the ordinaunce afore ſayde and that duly proued by two faithful men, that then the ſame perſon ſo refuſing to be committed to the next Gayle by the Mayre, Shiriffe, Baylye, Conſtable, or other head officer within the city, Towne or Village, wher the party ſo refuſinge is at the complaints of him that wyll retayne ſuch ſeruaunte, there to remains vnder ſtrayte kepinge, tyl he hath founde ſuerty tõ ſerue accordinge too the ſtatute. &c. but the party him ſelf may not vnpriſõ ſuch ſeruaunts refuſing to ſerue, but thei ſhalbe impriſoned by ỹ kings officers as it is afore ſayd. Pasche. ix. ỹ. vi.

¶ And alſo the partye maye (if he wyll) cõplaine to any Juſtice of the peace within the Shyre, and haue a warrant from hym to arreſte and compell ſuche ſeruaũt or labourer, refuſinge to ſerue accordinge

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to the statute, or els he may haue his action at the commen law. &c.

¶ The penalty against artificers and labourers, refusinge to serue or taking of excessiue wages, or taking wages for the whole day, when they worke but the halfe daye.

The. xiii. Chapter.

Also it is enacted by the statute made in the. vi. yere of king. H. the viii. the iii. Chapter that if anye Artificer seruaunte or labourer not retayned in anye seruice or worke, refuse to serue after the rate of the statute afore rehersed, or take greater or more wages, then in the same statute is limitted, or if any artificer or labourer, take wages for the whole daye where he worketh but the halfe day, that then euery of them so offending in any of the sayde articles, shall forfayte for euery defaute. xx. s. and they to be committed for euery suche defaute by presentment before the Justices of peace in their sessions according to the commen law, or by examinations by them in theyr sessions, or by examination of two Justices of peace out of the Sessions in any place within the

shyre, where they be Justices, and that ye forfaiture of. xx.s. be leuied of their lands goodes and Cattayles so offendinge. &c.

And where by the statute afore sayde it is ordeyned that the penaltye shal extend aswell too the geuer of excessyue wages as to the taker, it is ordained by an other statute made in the. viii. yere of king Henry the. viii. the. vi. Chapter, that the penaltye shall extende onely to the taker of excessiue wages, and not to the geuer. &c.

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How Mayres Sheriffes and kepers of Gayles ought to receiue, & safely kepe seruaunte, & labourers sente to them.

The. xv. Chapter.

And for asmuch as Mayres, Shiriffes & kepers of Gayles wolde not receiue seruaunntes and Labourers that offende ỳ statute, therfore it is ordeyned by a statute made in the. xii. yere of king Richard the second the. ix. Chapter. That al Mayers. Shiriffes and kepers of Gayles, shal receiue all seruauntes and labourers too them sente, for the offences aboue sayde and kepe them in prison without bayle, or mayneprise, and without fee, or any thynge too bee taken of them by them selues, or by other as longe as they shal bee in prysonne or at theyr entre, or goynge oute of prison vpon payne of. C. s. to the kynge.

How seruaunts and workmen departing out of theyr maisters seruice wer vn punishable at the common law, and how nowe by the statute, aswell they as other that do retayne them shall be punyshed and imprysoned and by whom.

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The. xvi. Chapter.

AT the commen law before the making of the statute, if my seruaunt had gone out of my seruice no action was geuen to me because that the contract betwene me and my seruaunt founded in couenaunt, but if another had take my seruaunt out of my seruice, thē an action was geuen to me at the cōmon law, as I may haue at this day vpon ỹ statute Michaelis. xi. Ỹ. iiii. but in that case if the seruaunts had not bene in my seruice bodelye, no accion was geuen too me by the common law. Hilarii. xlvii. Chapter. iii.

¶ Therfore by the statute made in ỹ. xxiii yeare of kinge Edward the thyrde the seconde Chapter, it is enacted that if anye Mower, Reper, workman, or seruaunt of what condicion he be in any mans seruice retained, and before the ende of hys terme wythoute cause reasonable or lycence do depart, he shall haue imprisonmente, and that no man vnder like paine presume to receiue or too take any suche seruaunt in to his seruice.

¶ Also it is agreed by ỹ iustices Hilarii. xxiii. C. iii. that if any seruaut depart fro his masters seruice in forme aboue sayde, that

that then at the complaynte of the master he shall be take by ỳ Constables or other head officers of Cities, Borowes, townes or Villages wher the party so departing shall be found, and delyuered to his mayster to serue oute his terme, and if he wil not then to be committed by the said officers to prison, there to remaine vntyll he hath found suerty to serue, but the maister him selfe may not imprison his seruaunt in that case but not withstandinge if the mayster perceaue that hys seruaunte wyll withdrawe hym selfe from hys seruyce, he maye retayne and keepe hym agaynste his wyll.

¶ How an action lieth vpon the statute a gainst a seruaunt that withdrawyth him selfe after he hath made couenaunt, & wil not come to seruice & also against hym ỳ retaineth or procureth him out of seruice

The. xvii. Chapter.

IF a mã make couenaunt to serue me he withdrawyth hym selfe, & wil not come to seruice, I wyll haue an action against him supposinge ỳ he was retained in my seruice and departed, & in like manner I shal

shall haue an action agaynst hym ẏ doth retayne him Micha. E.iii. Anno.xxii. H. vi.

¶ Also if a man procure my seruaunte to go oute of my seruice, and doeth retayne him, I shall haue an action againste him vpon the statute, Michis.xi. H.iiii.

¶ What processe shall be awarded agaynst seruaunts departinge from theyr maysters seruice, and againste them that do retayne them, and how an oth ought to be made of the maister before any processe awarded.

The.xvii. Chapter.

IF any seruaunt labourer or any other person retayned in seruice, departe before ẏ ende of his terme, that then any Justice of peace within the shyre at the complaints of the maister may direct hys warraunt to the Shiriffe, Baily or Constable, to attach the said seruaũt so departed & to deliuer him to his master to serue out his terme & if he wyll not to cõmyt him to prison, there to remayne vntyl he hath foũd suerty so to do, or at the least to appere at the next general sessions of the peace with in the said shyre to be holden, there to make answer aswel to the kinge

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for the contempt as to the party, & also the Justices of peace may award processe against seruaunts endited or presented before them for departinge out of seruice, & if the shiriffe vpon the first writte returns non est inuentus, then an erigent shal go forth immeditealye, and to bee sued vnto the outlawery, & after the outlawery a writte shall be sente by the same Justices in to any Countye where the party wyll sewe, to take him and sende hym too the Shiriffe of the County, where he is outlawed there too be imprisoned vntyll he be iustifyed and agree with ỹ party. The statute therof is the. xxviii. yeare of king Edwarde the third the. x. Chapter.

¶ And in likewyse the partye maye haue his accion at the cõmon law by originall writte against his seruaunt departing frõ his seruice, and also maye haue an accion at the cõmon law against him that doeth retaine his seruaunte. &c.

¶ But if a prentise depart from his maister, no accion vpon ỹ statute lieth against him, but an accion of couenaũt. Michaelis. xvix. E. iii. Michaelis. xix. R. ii. and Pasche. ix. H. vi. & no man can be bounde prentyce without wrytinge.

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And note that the old order was (which I suppose is yet kepte in manye places) ỹ if any seruaunte had departed frome hys maysters seruice before the ende of hys terme, that then no Justices of peace, nor any other of the kinges officers, should awarde any warraunte against the sayde seruaunt nor any thing do in that behalf, at the complaint of the maister, vntil the same maister had made a bodely othe before them, that his seruaunte so departed was his couenaunt seruaunt ỹ day of his departing, & that he departed oute of his seruice before the ende of hys terme with out reasonable cause, or lycence, and in likewise the master ought to make such a lyke oth in the Chauncery if he wyl sewe his seruaunte at the common lawe by original writte, and if this order bee not kepte it myghte chaunce that many men vpon a light & vntrue information, shall be committed to prisonne, there too remain vntil they haue found suerty to serue which were against right and conscience but yet vpon suerty found, the seruaunte shall haue a superseas. &c.

¶ How a man may retain and take another

ther mans seruaunt, and yet no punish-
ment lieth against him.

The. xix. Chapter.

IF a man be retained in seruice, & goeth out of seruice wandringe, another mā may compell him to serue because he is out of seruice. an. xi. H. vi.

¶ And in likewise if a man retaine an o-ther mans seruaunte not knowinge that he was retained before he shal not be pu-nished, so that he do not detaine him after that he hath notyce.

¶ Item if a vyllain be retained in seruice and his Lord hath nede of a seruaunt, he may lawfuly take him out of his seruice. Trini xxix. E. iii. and Picha. xxvi. Hen. vi. but yet the lorde ought to geue notice to the maister before that he take him out of his seruice. Anno. i. E. iii.

¶ How seruauntes drawyng them-selues to Cities and Townes shal be deliuered too their maisters by the Waires and Baylyffes there.

The. xx. Chapter.

IF any seruaunt Labourer, or artificer withdrawes him selfe out of hys seruice to any citye, or Borough and the party come to the Mayre and Baylyffes, and demaunded delyueraunce of his seruaũt, they shall cause hym to be deliuered without delays, and if they refuse, they shall forfayte to the kyng. x. li. and to the party. C. s. The statute therof is the. xxviii. yeare of kynge Edwarde the thyrde, the. xi. Chapter.

Howe seruauntes shall serue in sommer where they serued in wynter.

The. xvi. Chapter.

NO seruaunt shall depart the towne where he dwelled in the wynter, to serue els where in the sommer. if he may haue a conuenient seruice in ỹ same towne, sauinge the people of ỹ Counties of Stafford, Lancaster, Derby, and the marches of Wales, and Scotlande, may come in hervest tyme, to labour in other Counties, & safly to returne and such as refuse to serue, shall be put in the stockes by ỹ Lords stewards, Baylyffes, & Constables

stables of townes by the space of. iiii. dates or more, or els to sende them vnto the Gayle there to remayne vntyll they wyll be ordered. The statute thereof is in the. xxv. yere of kinge Edward the thyrd, the second Chapter.

How seruauntes purposynge too departe frome their maysters at thende of theyr terme, shal geuinge warnynge.

The. xxii. Chapter.

ALso it is ordeyned that euerye seruaunte husbandrye purposinge to departe from his mayster, at thend of hys terme, or at the myds of his terme, or otherwyse, make couenaunte before wyth an other man too serue hym for the nexte yeare, if it be in suche case as the lawe wyll compell hym to serue the seruaunt & he which so shall make couenaũt with him at the middes of the said terme, or before, shall geue warnynge too the mayster of the sayde seruaunte of the said couenaunte so newlye made, so that the same mayster may prouyde an other seruaunte against the end of his terme, and

If anye couenaunt with in any seruaunt be otherwise made, or that such warning be not geuen the couenaunt shal be void, and the seruaunt shall be compelled too serue hys olde maister for the nexte yeare, except that a reasonable cause happen of a later time. The statute thereof is in the xviii. yeare of kynge Henrye the. vi. the. xiii. Chapter.

¶ No seruaunte shall departe oute of the hundred, wapētake &c where he is dwellinge to dwell elis where, except he bring a letter testimoniall.

The. xviii. Chapter.

ITem no seruaunte, nor Labourer be he man or woman shall depart at the ende of his terme out of the hundred rape, wapentake, where he is dwellinge to serue or dwell elles where, onlesse he bringe a letter patente conteyninge the cause of his goinge, and the tyme of his returne, if he oughte to returne vnder the kinges seale, which to the same shall be assigned and deliuered in the warde of some good man of the hundred, rape, or wapentake, Citie, or Borough after the discretion of

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and that about ẏ same seale shall be writ
ten the name of the Countrey, and ouer
whart the sayde seale the name of ẏ hun-
dred, raps, or wapentake, Citye or Bo-
rough, and also if any seruaunt or labou-
rer be founde in any Citye, or Borough,
or elles where commynge frome anye
place wandrynge wythoute suche letter,
he shall be mayntenaunte taken by suche
Mayres, Baylyffes, Stewardes, or
Constables and put in the Stockes, and
kepte tyll he bathe founde suertye too re-
turne to his seruyce, or to serue or labour
in the towne from whence he came, til he
haue suche letter to depart for a reasona-
ble cause, and it is to be remembred that
a seruaunte or labourer may freely depart
oute of hys seruyce at the ende of hys
terme, and too serue in an other place,
so that he be in a certaynty wyth whome
e shall haue suche letter as afore, but the
meaning of this ordinaunce is not ẏ any
seruaunt, which ryde or go in the busines
of their lords, or maisters shal be compri-
sed within the same ordinaũce for ẏ time

of the same busines, and if any beare such letter, which may be found forged, of fall he shall haue imprisonmente .xl. daies for the falsite, & further tyll he hath founde suertye to returne and serue, or laboure, as is aforesaid, & that non retayn any seruant or labourer going out of their hundred, Rape, or wapentake, without letter testimoniall, nor without letter testimoniall aboue one night, excepte it be for cause of sickenes, or other cause reasonable, or which wyl & may serue & laboure ther by the same testimoniall vpon payne too be lymitted by the iustices of peace, and that no man take aboue .i.d. for makinge sealinge and deliueringe of such letter. The statute therof is the .xii. yere of kinge Richarde the seconde the .iii. Chapter.

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¶ Memorandum y Thomas longe (whiche was late, retayned in seruice wyth Roger Guye of Horondon in the hundredes of catstable, in the countye aforesayde) hathe well and truelye serued oute hys terme, and nowe the sayd Thomas for certayne reasonable considerations is mynded too serue or dwell elles where in an other hundred, in wytnesse where of

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the Seale of the sayde hundredes to the premysses assygned here vppon is set, geuen the first daye of October in the yeare of the raygne of our souerayne lord king E. the. vi.

¶ By me J. M. keper of the Seale.

¶ Howe a seruaunte or a prentyce may be discharged within hys terme, & what thing shal be a lauful cause of departure.

The. xxiiii. Chapter.

IF a man retayne an other for ten yeare more or lesse, to be hys seruaunte or apprentyce the mayster maye dyscharge hym wythin hys terme and that discharge by woorde is sufficiente, for he can not be seruaunte tos the partye agaynste hys wyll, for if he be in seruice wyth hym he muste haue meate and drincke. &c. And the seruaunt for the tyme that he hathe serued, shall haue his wages, Vicae. vi. E. iiii. and Vica. xx. H. vi.

¶ Also if one be retayned for a yere by a woman when she is sole, and afterwarde

she taketh an husbande, and dyeth within the yere, the seruaunte is discharged of hys seruyce by her death. Hilarii. xii. R. secundi.

¶Item if one be bounde Prentyce wyth an other for certayne yeres, and the master wyll not learne hym hys crafte, but beateth him he maye lawfullye departe. Mica. xxxix. E. iii.

¶Also if the master beate his seruaunte so that he is in feare of his life, he maye laufully depart. Hillarii. xli. E. iii.

¶Also if the mayster wil not pay the seruaunte his wages, or wyl not geue him sufficiente meat and drincke, he may laufullye departe. Micaelis. xxviii. E. iii. Hilarii. xli. E. iii. and Tri. xiii. R. ii.

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faiture, & all shyrifes, Mayres, Baylifes & Constables, haue power to seaſe theyr weapons and kepe them and presente thē before the Justices of peace with theyr names, the statute thereof is the .xii. yeare of kyng Richarde the seconde.

¶ How Artyllarye shal be maintained, & vnlawfull games debarred.

The.xvi. Chapter.

IT is enacted by the statute made in the xxviii. yeare of kinge Henrye the. viii. ỹ ix. cha. That euery man being the kings subiect & not lame nor hauinge any other lawfull impedymente, being within the age of. xl, yers except spirituall mē, Justices of the one Bench and of the other Justices of Assyse, and Barrons of Esc e-ker, shall from henseforth vse and exercyse shotynge in longe bowes, and also haue a bowe & arrowes ready contynually in his house, to vse hym selfe & do vse hym self to shotyng, and that the fathers and rulers of chyldren do teach & bringe vp them in shotinge.

¶ Also euery man hauyng men chyldren in hys house of the age of. vii. yeares and

she taketh an husbande, and dyeth within the yere, the seruaunte is discharged of hys seruyce by her death. Hilarii. xii. R. secundi.

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¶ How Artyllarye ſhal be mainteined, & vnlawfull gaunes debarred.

The .xvi. Chapter.

IT is enacted by the ſtatute made in the xxviii. yeare of kinge Henrye the .viii. & ix. cha. That euery man being the kings ſubiect & not lame nor hauinge any other laufull impedymente, being within the age of .xl. yere except ſpiritual mē, Iuſtices of the one Bench and of the other Iuſtices of Aſſyſe, and Barrons of Eſcheker, ſhall from henſeforth vſe and exercyſe ſhotynge in longe bowes, and alſo haue a bowe & arrowes ready contynually in his houſe, to vſe hym ſelfe & do vſe hym ſelf to ſhotyng, and that the fathers and rulers of chyldren do teach & bringe vp them in ſhotinge.

¶ Alſo euery man hauyng men chyldren in hys houſe of the age of .vii. yeares and

abone and vnder the age of. xvii, yeares shall prouyde and deliuer to euery of the a bowe & two shaftes to vse & occupy. And if the same yong men be seruauntes and take wages, the their maisters may abate of their wages so muche money as they shal pay for the same bowes & Arowes, & after all such yonge men shal come to the age of. xvii. yeres euery of them shal haue a bowe. iiii. Arowes continually for him selfe at his owne charges and to vse & occupye the same in shoting. And if the maister suffer any of his seruauntes, takinge wages being in his houshold & vnder the age of. xvii. yeres, or the father suffer any of hys sonnes beinge in his houshold and vnder ỹ age of. xvii. yeres to lacke a bowe & two arrowes contrarye to the fourme aforesayde, by the space of one moneth together, then the maister or father in whō such negligēce shalbe, shal forfait for euery such defaut. vi. s. viii. d. And that euery seruaunte passinge the age of. xvii. yeres & vnder the age of. xx. yeres & takinge wages, which can or is able to shote, & shall lack a bowe. iii. Arowes by the space of one moneth together, shal for euery such defaute forfayte. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ No man vnder the age of. xxiiii. yeares shal shote at any standinge prycke, except it be for a rouer wherat he shal chaunge at euery shote his marke vpon pain for euerye shote doinge the contrarye. iiii. d. and ỳ no other person aboue the age of. xxiiii. yeres, shall shote at any marke of. xi. score yardes or vnder with any prycke shaft or flight, vnder the paine to forfaite for euerye shote, vi. s. viii. d. And that no person vnder the age of. xvii. yeres, excepte he or his father or mother haue landes too the yerely valu of. x. li. or be worth in mouables ỳ sum of. xl. markes sterlinge, shall shote in anye bowe of ewe which shall be bought for him after candelmas next cõminge vpon paine of. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ Item that buttes be made and maynteyned in euery Citye, Towne and place by the inhabytauntes there vppon payne to forfayte for euery three monethes lackinge, xx. s.

¶ Item euerye boyer dwellynge out of the Citye and suburbes of London shall after Candelmas nexte comminge for euerye bowe that he maketh of ewe make iiii. other bowes meete too shote in of Elme, wyche, Hasyll, Asshe, or other

wode apte for the same, vnder the payne to forfayte for euery suche bowe so lacking. iii. s. iiii. d. and euery bowyer dwelling within the sayd Cytie or suburbes, for euery bowe of ewe that he shal make, shall also make two other bowes apt for shoting of Asshe Elme, or other wode apt for the same vnder lyke payne.

¶ No Bowyer shal sell any bowe of ewe for anye persone betwene the age of. vii. yeres and xiiii. yeares aboue the price of xii. d. and that the same bowier shal haue bowes of Ewe of all prices from. vi. d. to xii. d. for youth betwene the sayd ages of. vii. yeres and xiiii. yeres.

And lyke wyse shall haue bowes of Ewe for youth betweene the age of. xiiii. yeres. and xxi. yere, & shal sel the same at reasonable prices.

No bowyer shall sell or put to sale anye bow of Ewe of the sayd like, aboue the price of. iii. s. iiii. d, vnder the paine of xx. s. for euery bowe solde contrary.

No maner of persone not beynge borne within the kinges obeysaunce, not made denizen shal shote in any longe bow with out the kynges lycence vpon paine of forfayture of such bowes & arrowes as they

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shal be founde so shotyng with, & euery of the kynges subiectes may take & seale the same forfaytures to his owne vse.

¶ Debarryng of vnlawfull games.

Also it is enacted by the statute aforesayd, that no maner of person by him selfe deputie, seruauntes or other, shal for his gayne, lucre, or liuing, kepe or maintayne anye cõmon house, aley, or place of bowling, coytyng, closshe, cayles, halfe bowle, tennys, dising, table, or carding, or any other maner of game prohibite by any statute heretofore made, or any vnlawful new game now inuẽted or made, or hereafter to be inuented founde had or made, vpon payne to forfayte for euerye daye so offendinge. xl. s. And also euery person vsinge and hauntinge anye of the houses and places, and there playinge to forfayte for eusrye tyme so doynge, vi. s. viii. d.

¶ No maner of personne shal sue for any placarde too haue common gaminge in his house, excepte it be conteyned in the same what game shal be there vsed, and what personnes shall playe therat, and euery placarde graunted to the contrary

to be voyde, and that the partye obteyning any such placard shalbe bound with sufficient suerties in the Chauncery that he shal not vse the sayd placarde contrary to the forme therof.

¶ Item all Justices of peace in euery Shyre, Mayres, Sheryffes, Baylyffes & other head officers within euery Cytie, Towne, and Borough, may from tyme to tyme aswell within liberties as without, entre & refore into all suche houses, where such games shal be suspected to be vsed, and aswel the kepers of the same, as also the persons ther resorting and playing to areste and in prison to keepe vnto suche tyme as the kepers & mayntainers of the said playes and games, haue found suertyes too the kynges vse by recognysaūce or otherwyse no longer to vse kepe or occupye any suche houses playe, game Aley or place, & also that the persons ther so found be in lyke case bounde by them selues or elles with suertyes, by the discrecyon of the Justices or other head officers, that they no more do play, haunt or exercise frō henssorth in at or to ani of the sayd places, or at any of the sayd games.

¶ Also that the Mayres, Sheriffes, Baylyfes,

lyfes, Constables, and other head officers wherin euery cytie, Borough & Towne, wher any such officers shal fortune to be, aswell within fraunchyses as without, shal make due serche wekely, or at the furtheste once euerye moneth in all places where any such playes and games shalbe suspected to be kept. And yf they doo not make suche serche according to this Acte, and do not execute the same in al thyngs, that then euery of theym shal forfayte for euerye moneth not making suche serchs nor executing the same. xl. s.

¶ No maner of Artificer or Craftes man of anye handy crafte or occupacyon, husbondman, apprentice, labourer, seruaunt at husbondry, iourney man or seruaunte of Artificer, Maryners, Fysscher men, watermen, or anye seruing man, shall from henceforth play at the tables, tennys, dyce, cardes, bowles, closshe, coyting, logating, or anye other vnlawfull game, oute of Christmas vnder the payne of xx. s. to be forfayt for euery time, and in Christmas to play at any of the sayd games in theyr maisters houses or in their presence.

¶ Also that no maner of person shal at anye time play at any bowle or bowles in

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open places oute of hys gardeyne or orcharde vpon payne of. vi. s. viii. d.

¶ And also that al iustices of peace, Maires, Shiryffes and al other head officers, and euery of them fyndinge or knowing any maner of person vsing or exercising anye vnlaufull games contrarye too the fourme aboue sayde, shall haue auctority to committe euery such offender to ward there to remayn wythout bayle or mainprise, vntyl such tyme that they be bounden by obligation too the kinges vse in such summes of money as by the discretion of the sayd Iustices, Mayres, or other head officers shal be thought reasonable, that thei shal not from henceforth vse such vnlaufull games.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that it shall be laufful for euery mayster too lycence his seruaunt to play in hys house or in his presence at cardes, dyce, or tables with his sayde mayster, or wyth anye other gentylman reparinge to his maysters house wyth oute daunger or penalty to the said seruaunt.

Prouyded also that it shall bee lawefull to euery noble manne and other hauing landes or other yerely profytes for terme

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of life in his own righte, or in his wives righte to the yerely value of an. C. li. or a boue, to cōmaunde or licence his seruaūt or family, to play within the precincte of his house or gardē, at cardes, dyce, tables bowles, or tennis aswell amonges them selues as other reparing to ẏ same house and that they so playing by such licence, shal not incurre any daunger or penalty.

¶ What apparell artifycers seruauntes labourers, & also other hauing landes to the yerely value of. xx. li, & vnder shall weare, ẏ xxvii. Chapter.

NO man other then suche Gentylmen as maye dyspende yerelye in landes or reuenues. xx. li. ouer all charges shal were anysilke except saten, taffata, sarcenet, or dammaske in his doublet or coyfe, and chamblet in hys fleueles Jackettes, and a lace of silke for his Bonet, or pionts, laces, girdels or garters made in Englād, or Wales, nor shal were any furres of blacke cony or bouge. ¶ And that no man other then suche as maye dispende in landes. t. v. li. by yere ouer all charges shall were anye clothe

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of the colours of Scarlet, Crymosen, or Vyolet engrayned, nor any sylke in their doublettes or Jacketes, nor anye other cloth in any garmente aboue the price of vi.s.viii.d. the brode yarde, nor any other thinge made oute of this realme, excepte chamblet in their doublettes & Jacketes. ¶ And that no seruing man nor other yeman taking wages, or such other as may not dispende of freholde. xl.s. be yere shal were anye clothe in hys hosen aboue the price of.ii.s. the yarde. And that none of their hosen be garded, or mired with any other thing, but with the same cloth onely, nor in his gowne cote or Jacket, or other garment anye cloth aboue the price of.iii.s,iiii.d. the brode yarde, except it be his maysters lyuery, nor anye furre but gray Cony blacke Lambe, or whyt Lãbe of Englysh, walshe, or Irishe, growing, nor shall were any shyrte or shyrte bande vnder or vpper cappe, coyfe, bonet, or hat, garnished, myrt, made or wrought with sylke, golde, or syluer. Nor shal were any bonet or shyrte bande, made or wroughte oute of this realme, neuertheles he maye were a sylke ribband for his bonet, & also the cognysaunce or bage of hys lorde or

mayster, and a horne typped or flewed with syluer, gylte or vngylte, and such games of syluer gylt or vngylte, as they maye wynne by wrastlinge, shotinge, rennynge, leapinge, or castinge of the barre, and also maysters of shyppes and Marriners may were whystles of syluer, with the cheyne of syluer for too hange them vppon.

¶ And that no husbande man shall were in his hosen any cloth aboue the pryce of ii.s. the yarde, or any cloth in his gowne aboue the price of. iiii.s. the brode yarde, or in his iacket or cote aboue the pryce of ii.s.viii.d the brode yard, nor in his doublet anye thynge wrought oute of this realme, sauyng fustian and canuas nor anye maner of furre in his apparell.

¶ And that no seruinge man in husbandrye or Journey manne in handy craftes takinge wages shall were in hys hosen anye clothe aboue the price of. xvi.d. the yarde, nor anye clothe in his gowne, iacket, or cote, aboue the pryce of. ii.s. viii.d the brode yard, nor his doublet any other thinge then fustian, canuas or lether, or wollen clothe, nor any maner of furre in anye of hys apparell.

And if any man vse or were any apparell or other the premisses contrary to the tenour and fourme aforesayd, than he so offendynge shall forfayte the same apparell, wherwith soeuer it be garnished, enbrowdred, or mired or the valus therof shal forfait. xl. d. for euery day that he shal were the same, the one halfe therof to the kinge and the other halfe to him that wil sue. The statute therof is .y. xviii. yere of kinge Henry the. viii. the. xiii. Chapter.

The wages for watermen.

The. xviii. Chapter.

Where by the old custome he that wil passe from London to Graysend by water, or the cõtrary way, shall haue a barge of the owners to passe him selfe with his Male or fardels for. iiii. s. or els euerye personus passinge in the sayd Barge to pay for him selfe or for him selfe hys Male or Fardell. ii. d. so that the summe of. ii. d. of euery person amount to the summe of. iiii. s. And where bote betwens the sayde places for the summe of. ii. s. hathe bene compelled too passe foorthe at euerye tyde betweene the sayde places.

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And in lykewyse it hathe bene vsed of lyke tyme that euery of the kings subiectes, & all other persons passinge, or reparinge by water in the tide bote, or whery bote, from London to Eryth, Grenehith Crayst or rocke or Purflette, or from any of the same places to London one person or mo to haue a bote or whery of the owners or occupiers of the same, to passe thē selfe wyth theyr Wales or Fardels betwene euerye of the sayde places for the onely summe of. xii. d. or els euery person passyng in the said bote or whery to pay for him selfe, or for hym self hys male or fardell, i. d. so that the sum of, i. d. of euerye person amount to the summe of, xii. d. hath ben compelled to passe forth at euery tyde betwene the sayde places.

And euery of the kynges subiectes and all other persons passynge or reparinge by water in the tyde Bote, or wherye bote from London to Wolwich, or from wolwych to London, one person or mo to haue a bote or whery of the owners or occuppyers of the same too passe theym selfe wyth theyr Wales and Fardels betwene the same places for the onely sum of. viii. d or els euery person passing in ye

sayde Bote or whery to paye for him self his male or Fardell. ob. so that the sum of. ob. of euery person amount to the sum viii.d. hath bene compelled to passe forth at euerye tyde betwene the sayde places.

¶ And also it hath bene vsed of lyke time that euery of the kings subiectes, and all other persons passinge, or repayringe by water in Bote or whery from London Grenewich, or from grenewich to London one person or mo to haue a Bote, or whery of the owners, or occupiers of the same to passe them self, wyth their males and Fardels betwene the same places, for the only summe of. iiii.d. or els euery person passinge in the sayed bote or whery to paye for him selfe, or for him selfe his male, or fardel. ob. so that the summe of. ob. of euery person amount to the sum of. iiii.d. hath ben cõpelled too passe forth at all times betwene the same places.

¶ And that of like tyme it hath bene vsed and accustomed that euerye of the kinges subiectes and all other persons passinge, or reparinge by water in Bote, or whery from London bridge the olde Swan, the Crayne in vintre, Powles wharfe, or from saint Mary ouereys to Westmin-

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ster, or Lambhyth, or from Westminster or Lambhyth to any of the sayde places, one person or mo to haue bote or wherye of the owners or occupiers of the same to passe them selfe wyth theyr Males, and fardels betwene euery of the sayd places for the onely summe of. iiii. d. or els euery personne passynge in the sayde Bote or wherye to paye for him selfe or for him selfe and his fardel. ob. so that the summe of. ob. of euery person amount to the sum of. iii. d. hathe bene compelled too passe foorthe at all tymes betwene the same places.

¶ And also it hath bene vsed of lyke time that euery of the kinges subiectes and all other personnes passinge, or reparynge frome the blacke fryers, Brydewell, or frome the Temple to Westmynster, or Lambhyth, or frome Westmynster or Lambhyth, to anye of the sayd places, one person or mo to haue a bote or wherye of the owners, or occuppyers of the same, to passe thé selfe with theyr males, and fardels, betwene euerye of the same places for the onely summe of. ii. d. or els euery person passinge in the sayd bote or wherye too pay for him selfe or him selfe

sayde Bote or wherry to paye for him selfe his male or Fardell. ob. so that the sum of. ob. of euery person amount to the sum viii.d. hath bene compelled to passe forth at euerye tyde betwene the sayde places.

¶ And also it hath bene vsed of lyke time that euery of the kings subiectes, and all other persons passinge, or repayringe by water in Bote or wherye from London Grenewich, or from grenewich to London one person or mo to haue a Bote, or wherry of the owners, or occupiers of the same to passe them selfe, wyth their males and Fardels betwene the same places, for the onely summe of. iiii.d. or els euery person passinge in the sayed bote or wherye to paye for him selfe, or for him selfe his male, or fardel. ob. so that the summe of. ob. of euery person amount to the sum of. iiii.d. hath ben cõpelled too passe forth at all times betwene thesame places.

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his male or fardel. ob. so that the summe of a. ob. of euery person amounte to the sum of. ii. d. hath bene compelled to passe forth at all times betweney same places.

¶ And also it hath bene vsed of like tyme that all maner of persons passinge, or repairinge from westminster to Lambhyth or Stangate to Westminster, or frō any of the sayd places ouerwhart the water, one person or mo to haue a bote, or wherye too passe betwene euery of the sayde places, in maner and forme aforesaid, for the only sum of a. ob. & the owners, or occupiers of botes, haue bene compelled to passe forth at all times betwene the same places, for the same summe.

¶ And also it hathe bene vsed in like time that euery of the kinges subiectes and al other personnes, passynge from London to Wortlake, or frome Wortlake to London one or mo too haue a bote or wherye of the owners, or occupiers of the same to passe thē selfe with theyr maies, or fardels betwene the sayde places for the onlye summe of. xii. d. or elles euerye personne passynge in the sayde bote, or wherye to paye for hym selfe his male or fardell. ii. d. so that the sum of. ii. d. of euery per-

persone amounte too the sayde summe of .xii.d.

¶ All such laudable customes and vsages not withstandynge, the owners or occupyers of the sayde Barges, botes & wherys now a late refuse, and wyll not passe with no man for the sayde summes, excepte that they haue accordinge too theyr owne wylles and desires to the great let and & vnquietnes of all ỹ kings subictes, and of al other that passeth & repareth by the same, & contrary to the sayd auncient vsages & customes for breaking of which ordinaunce diuers many affrayes & frayes daylye bene made, so that often tymes therof mã slaughter doth ensue. And ouer that the pore husband man, & other housholders dwellers nygh aboute such ferys bene euyll vsed, can haue no seruauntes that wyll serue by the yere, but only by the weke, and at the wekes ende to be at theyr liberty, to the entent that thei may be watermen, for theyr singular, and excessiue lucre in that behalfe.

¶ Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, & stablished by the lords spirituall & temporal, and the commons in this present parliamẽt assembled, & by auctority of the same

that the ſayde laudable cuſtome and vſages in maner and forme before reherſed, be obſerued and kepte and duelye put in execution in euery poynte, And that all & euery the watermen rowinge in great barges wyth any lord, or lordes, or other perſon or perſonnes what ſoeuer they be, take no more for hys wages or labour by the daye then .vi.d. wythoute meate or drinke, excepte he rowe to Weſtlake, or Grenewich, and then to take .viii.d. only wtthoute meate and drinke. And that if the kinges ſubiectes, or anye of them, or any other perſon or perſons from henſfoorth require the owners or occupiers of any ſuch Barges, botes, or wherys at anye of the ſayde keyes too paſſe wythin them offering them money for theyr fare or fares, in forme as is afore ſayde, or elſ if the ſayde Lordes or other require the ſayd watermen to go wyth them, in their Barges, or barge for ỹ. vi.d. a day aboue ſayd. And the ſayd owners or occupiers watermen, or Bargemen, refuſe to paſſe foorth wyth him or thē for the ſame fare wages, than the ſame owners or occupiers of ſuch barges, botes, or wherys, or ỹ ſaid watermē or bargemen ſo refuſing &

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euery of them for euery suche refusel too forfaite the treble value of the fare, fares or wages so refused, the one halfe of the sayde treble value of the sayde fare, fares or wages to be to the vse of our soueraygn lord the king, and that other halfe to him that wyll sue in that behalfe, which sute the party that in that case wil sue to haue his sute by accion of debte, informacion or presentment and the party defendaunt ther not to be admitted to wage his law, ne to be alloyned ne protection for hym to be alowed in the same. And ouer that it be leafull to the Baylyffes, Constables and other of the kings officers and euery of them in euery place nexte adioynante where the sayd ferys bene exercised vpon complaynt to them, or any of them therof made by any of the kinges subiectes, or any other person or personns that fynde them greued in that behalfe to arrest the sayde offender or offenders, and commit them to warde for theyr mysdemeaner, & too make fyne for the same. And that the Justices of peace of euery shyre, wher the sayde ferys bene exercised, the Mayre, & Sheryffe of London, and the stewardes in their letes and euery of them haue au-

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toritye to inquyre at euery Sessions and letes, aswell of the defautes of the sayde owners, or occupyers of suche barges, botes, wherys, watermen, and bargemē, as of the defautes of the sayde officers for lacke of punishemente of euery such offēders, The statute therof is the. vi. yere of king Henry the. viii

¶ The statute for loytrers & vacabounds The. xxiii. Chapter.

IT is enacted that who so euer man or woman not beynge lame, impotente, sycke or diseased, not hauyng Landes, tenements, fees, or annuities, or any other yearely profytes shall neyther lyke a seruynge man, wantynge a mayster, or like a begger, or after any other sorte, by lurking in any house, or houses, or loytring or ydlely wander by the high wayes syde or other wyse not applyinge too worke, or laboure, if it be but for meate drincke and clothe, and chaunce to be taken to a couenaunt, and goo or runne away, that then euery suche personne shall be taken as a vacabounde, and marked wyth an hoate yron in the breast, wyth the marke of. v. and adiudge the sayde personne to be hys slaue to haue to holde too hym and

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his executoures, for the space of. ii. yere next folowynge, and if so be the sayd loyterer runne hys waye wythin the sayde terme that he shall pursue, and fetch him agayne, by vertue of the acte and punish hys slaue by chaynes, or bettinge, if anye man retayne hym knowinge him to be a slaue, his maister shall haue an accion of trespas, & recouer of the party in dammages. x.li. the statute therof is in the firste yere of kinge Edward the. vi.

¶ Ordinaunce or statute of Iorneymen and prentises made in the thyrde and. iiii yere of Edward. vi.

IT is ordeined and enacted that no cloth maker, fuller, sherman, weyuer, taylor or shomaker shall after the feaste of Penthecost in the same yere hyre or retayne, vnmaryed, anye Iorneyman, that is too say, to worke or labour, by the day or taile worke, or by the great, or for anye tyme lesse, then a quarter of a yere, vpon pain of this statute that is to say, to suffer one moneth imprysonmente and to forfayte. xl.s. for euery suche offence. Also it is ordeyned that euery person or persons hauing at any time. iii. aprentises in any of these sayde crafftes mysteries or occupacions

ons, ſhall kepe one Jorneyman, and for e-
uery prentyſe aboue. iii. one other Jorne-
man vpon payne for euery ſuche defaute,
to forfayte. x. li. Alſo if anye Jorneyman
of theſe aforeſayd occupations, be requi-
red to ſerue for lawefull wages, and re-
fuſe it, that then euery ſuch Jorneyman
ſhall ſuffer impriſonment by the ſpace of
one moneth without bayle or mainprys
and ſhall for euery tyme loſe and forfayte
xx. s. loke further in the. iii. and iiii. yeare
of king Edward the. vi.

¶ An Ordynaunce of meaſuryng of land
made the. xxviii, yere of king Edward. i.

IT is ordayned that thre barley cornes
dric & round, ſhal make vp the meaſure
of an ynche, twelue ynches ſhall make
a fote, iii, fote to make a yard, v. yards &
an halfe to make a perch, & forty perches
in lēgth & four in bredth to make an acre.

WHen an acre of lande containeth
ten perches in length, it muſt be
xvi. perches in bredth.

¶ Whē it containeth. xi. perches in leng-
the thē it ſhalbe in bredth. xiii. perches &
dimyquart, and one fote, when it is. xiii.
then. xiii. and, v, fot, i. ynche.

¶ When. xiiii. then. xi, fote. i. ynche.

When

¶ When. xb. then. ix. and dim. ii. fote and dim.

¶ When. xbi. then. x.

¶ When, xbii. then xi. iii. fote. iii. ynches and dim.

¶ When. xbiii. then. i. dim. bi. fote and dim. b. ynches.

¶ When. xix. then biii. bi. fote. iiii. ynches and dim.

¶ When. xx. then, biii. perches.

¶ When. xxi. then. biii. perches, and dim ii. fote. i. ynche.

¶ When. xxii. then. bii, i, quart. biii. ynchesand dim.

¶ When xxiii. then. bi. and dim. iii. ynches. bi. fote and dim.

When. xxiiii. then bi. and dim. ii. fote and dim. iii. ynches.

When. xxb. then. bi. and. i. quart. ii. fote. and dim. ynche.

When xxbi. then. b. and. dim. bi. fote ii. ynches.

When. xxbii. then. b. and dim. iii. fote

When xxbiii. then. b. bii. fote and. dim.

When. xxix, then. b. bii. fote and dim.

When, xxx. then, b. bi. fote.

When, xxxi, then, b. ii. fote and dim.

When. xxxii. then. b.

When

¶ When, xxxiii., then, iiii, dimi, quart, i. fote and dim, i, ynche.

¶ When xxxiiii. thē, iiii. and. dim. iii. fote. iiii. ynches and dim, i, quart.

¶ When, xxxb. then, iiii, and, i, dim. i. fote. ii. ynches and dim.

¶ When, xxxbi. then, iiii. i. quart, iii. fote and. b. ynches and dim.

¶ When. xxxbii. then. iiii. i. quart. iii. fote and dim.

¶ When. xxxbiii. then. iiii. fote and dim,

¶ When. xxxix. then. iiii. i, fote and dimy. ii. ynches and dim.

¶ When. xl. then. iiii.

¶ When. xli. then. iii. and dimi. i. quart. ii. and fote dim.

¶ When. xlii. then. xii. i. fote. i. quart.

¶ When xliii. then. iii. ii fote, and dim.

¶ When, xliiii. then. iii, and dimy. i. fote and. b. ynches.

¶ When. xlb, then. iii. and dim.

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